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Recruitment period opens for appointment to Hayward city commissions and task forces

HAYWARD, Calif., April 5, 2022— The City of Hayward has opened its annual recruitment period for applicants to serve on City commissions and task forces—with service on these City Council-appointed bodies now open to citizen and non-citizen residents alike.

In November 2020, Hayward voters expanded the opportunity to serve through passage of ballot Measure OO. Measure OO amended the City Charter to eliminate wording that had restricted commission and task force appointments to people registered or eligible to be registered to vote—a requirement that had the effect of making non-citizens ineligible.

It was a significant change. According to the 2020 American Community Survey, approximately 39 percent of Hayward residents are foreign born and 17 percent are non-citizen residents.

Applications for appointment are being accepted through June 16—with current and potential vacancies on the Community Services Commission, Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force, Library Commission, Personnel Commission, and Planning Commission.

For more information—including a list of all Council-appointed city bodies, the terms of their current members, updated eligibility and service requirements, and an application—go to the <u>appointed bodies webpage</u> on the City of Hayward website. Or contact the Office of the City Clerk at <u>cityclerk@hayward-ca.gov</u> or (510) 583-4400.